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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yuichi YAMADA et al.

Application No.: 10/024,139

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND )  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD :  
(As Amended) )

: Examiner: Que Tan Le

: Group Art Unit: 2878

: Confirmation No.: 4039

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: October 1, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 20, 2003, and prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: